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1. Because of their continuous exposure to radioactive materials, engineers and technicians employed by the research laboratory of Wismut Object 36 worked only six hours at a stretch per day; they were eligible to receive hazard-pay in the form of a monthly bonus amounting to 55 percent of their salaries. This bonus has since been cut to 40 percent. Object 36 was classed as physically dangerous (a gesundheitsschadlicher Betrieb). Engineers and technical personnel employed in other Objects, working with materials not considered hazardous to health, received only 20 percent bonus payments.

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2. [redacted] an analytical program at the Bergbauakademie at Freiberg; the project was devoted to an analysis of Freiberg area lead and tin deposits for development of a flotation process to concentrate traces of uranium contained in these ores. The Russians were interested in developing a flotation method to extract the average 0.1 - 0.12 percent uranium content of local mineral deposits, which were then to be concentrated to the required minimum of one percent uranium content ore for shipment to the USSR. These experiments were abandoned about June of 1949.

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3. [redacted]

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4. At the end of May 1951, all German technical and engineering personnel at Object 36 were dismissed; the analytical testing work was continued solely by Soviet nationals, some of whom had been trained by the dismissed German engineers during the preceding year. It is believed that this was an effort by Wismut to tighten up security of the central research laboratory work. Most of the discharged personnel were reassigned to other less sensitive Objects.

5. [redacted] Object 37, the Vehicle Repair Shop of Wismut A.G. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Prior to July 1951, the only testing of machining metal parts had been conducted by a small physical testing laboratory at Object 37 [redacted]

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6. The following Soviets at the Objects have been identified:

a. Object 36:

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- 1) Ushatsky, Boris Andreyevich, First Soviet Object Chief [redacted]

- 2) Slotvinsky, Nikolai Petrovich, Deputy to Ushatsky, was promoted to replace him as Object Chief at the end of 1948. He had the military rank of First Lieutenant. He arrived at Object 36 about February 1947. He remained Chief of Object 36 after it was moved to Gruena, until approximately mid-1950.

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- 3) (fnu) Sklarenko succeeded Slotvinsky as Chief of Object 36 in mid-1950, remaining in this post until approximately the spring of 1951.

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4.) Successor to Slotvinsky, Chief of Object 36, name not known.

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b. Bergbauakademie, Freiberg:

1.) Vassilov, Vladimir.

c. Object 36, after transfer to Gruena:

1.) (fnu) Melnikov

2.) In addition there were 8 to 9 Soviet female engineers who had come to Object 36 straight from school. One of these women was named Katya Nikolayevna (fnu).

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d. Object 37:

1.) (fnu) Mikhailovich, an engineer, was appointed Chief of Object 37 sometime during the period June-September 1949, and was still Chief as of 27 February 1953.

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2.) (fnu) Novikov, the Soviet Chief of Personnel

3.) (fnu) Myasnikov, a Russian, was Head of the Economic Section.

Novikov's office was located on the ground floor of a building separate from the repair shop. The upper stories of the office building were used by the Technical Drafting Offices of Wismut, which made mine shaft construction plans and similar architectural layouts. Armed Soviet sentries guarded the entrances to the drafting offices in which between 20 and 30 Germans and Russians were employed.

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8 The following are known street addresses for various Objects:

- a Object 36, Gruena, Chemnitzstrasse, located in the former "Abel" glove factory. The large factory sign is still on the building and reads "Handschuhfabrik Abel".

The Russians lived within the Object compound, which was surrounded by a high fence topped by watchtowers. A railroad runs directly behind the factory building; it is clearly visible to all rail passengers going to Chemnitz. A large concentration of Soviet troops is quartered about 500 meters from the plant itself, one half the group in the "Fleischer Gasthof" and the other half in a large caserne on the opposite side of the road.

- b Object 37, Chemnitz, Jagdschenkerstrasse 20, in the former Auto-Union Plant, directly adjacent to the Fritz Heckert Factory.

9. Professor Hans Leutwein, German rector of the Bergbauakademie at Freiberg was a frequent visitor at Object 36 during the period when Ushatsky was the Russian Chief. He appeared to deal only with Ushatsky, spoke perfect Russian, and is believed to have been in the USSR at some time.

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